A DECLARATION OF THE ARMIE,

Presented to the Kings Majesty in the Isle of *Wight*; Declaring, their full Resolution touching His Majesties Reign and Government, and wearing the Crown of *England*; and their Proposals upon what Terms and Conditions they will re-inthrone Him.

With His Majesties Vow and Protestation touching the Army.

Also, the Armies *Propositions* to the Generall Councel of the Army at St. *Albanes*, concerning *King*, *Lords*, and *Commons*, debated on *Wednesday* last, *Novemb.* 8. 1648.

London, Prited for *C. W.* neer the Royal Exchange, 1648.

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DECLARATION

OF THE

ARMIE

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To the Kings Majesty in the Isle of *Wight*, Declaring their Resolution and Intentions touching the Treaty.

May it please your Maiesty,

WHereas, *the Officers and Souldiery under the immediate conduct of his Excellency the Lord Generall* Fairfax, *are possest with divers fears and jealousies, that they cannot be safe for the future, unlesse speedy Iustice be executed*

cuted upon the capitall Offenders of this Nation; and that this present Treaty may not conclude a peace with his Majesty, without care taken to preserve the Liberties and Freedomes of the people of this Nation; the which, being granted and confirmed, we do declare, that none shall be more instrumentall for the setling of a safe and well-grounded Peace, then our selves. And that so soon as your Majesty shall be pleased, to enact and make provisions for the free-born people of England, *that both we and future Generations may defend our selves against insulting tyranny and oppression; We shall use our utmost endeavours for the re-investing of your Royall person, and making You and Your Posterity happy and glorious throughout all Ages.*

This Letter (or Declaration) is said to be sent from divers Officers and Souldiers in the West of *England*, to his Majesty; for the better expelling of the Cloud of Jealousie, and cleering all doubts and scruples that may arise in his Majesties Royall Breast; And that their actions may appear visible to the World, of their candid Intentions, and unanimous Resolutions for *peace*, and composing of all differences both in *Church* and *State*, the Agents of the severall Regiments have commanded these ensuing Propolals to be forthwith printed and published; a Copy whereof were presented to his Excellency the Lord Gen. *Fairfax*, and the Generall Councel of the Army on *Tuesday* last, which were as followeth.

I *That execution of Iustice may bee done upon those who raised the former and the later warres against the Parliament of* England, *And that there not be any exemption*

ption of perſons from Juſtice, to neither King nor Subject. 2 That the Treaty may not conclude a peace with the King and his party, without care taken to preſerve the Liberties and Freedomes of the people of this Nation. 3 That limits may be ſet to bind Kings for the future, that they ſhall not have power to inſlave the people by tyranny and oppreſſion, and tryumph upon them as over conquered ſlaves. 4 That proviſions be made for the people of England, *that both we and future Generations may defend our ſelves againſt inſulting Kings. 5 That there may be ſome courſe taken for pay for the Souldiery, that have ſerved and been faithfull to the Parliament. And ſufficient ſecurity thereunto for them, to guard them in what they have done. 6 That theſe, and ſuch other things as ſhall be agreed on by the Generall Councell, may be ſent to the Houſe of Commons by the Lord Generall, and his Excellency to deſire a ſpeedy anſwer therein.*

Some other Propoſals were preſented to the Generall Councell of the Army, by the Agents of the reſpective Regiments, Declaring, that there is now a deſigne on foot to reſcue the King from the Iſle of Wight, and therefore deſire that a ſufficient ſtrength may be ſent to guard the ſaid Iſland, and to prevent the reſorting of Malignants thither.

Theſe Propoſitions were preſented on *Munday* laſt, and debated *Tueſday* and *Wedneſday*; and there is no doubt but a mutuall concurrence and agreement will attend the cloſe of this happy Meeting, which ſo much concerneth the good and welfare, both of *Religion, King, and Kingdom*.

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Bloudy Newes from the Engliſh Navy.

SIR,

ON Thurſday laſt being the 2. of this inſtant Novem. we received an Allarum from Sea, occaſioned by certaine ſhips, who had the Princes colours, and ſtruck ſayl within three leigues of *Helverd-ſluce*; whereupon the Lord Admirall ſent forth three Frigats, and two of the great Veſſels, who chaſed them, and gave them many a gallant ſhot, and after few hours diſpute, boarded one of them, & ſunk another; the Maſter of the prize which was taken, confeſſed, that they were bound for the Prince, with a reſolution to joyn with him, and to aſſiſt his Highneſſe againſt the Parliament.

This Fleet is ſaid to conſiſt of about eleven ſhips, moſt of them being men of Warre, and it is rumour'd, that they were moſt of them Swediſh Ships.

But the Princes Fleet hath declared, that they will not be commanded by any ſtrangers, who ſince the diſmiſſing of the Lord *Willoughby*, and Capt. *Batten*, have made Prince *Rupert* Lord Admirall; but the Sea-men were ſo much inraged and troubled thereat, that they began to mutiny, reſiſted the Command of Pr. *Rupert* and the reſt of the Iriſh and Dutch Commanders, fell to blowes, killed 3 or 4 eminent Commanders, wounded divers of them, amongſt the reſt, Prince *Rupert* hath received a dangerous wound, and its thought mortall. The Conflict being ended, the Mariners of the revolted ſhips called a Councell amongſt themſelves, turned out Pr. *Rupert*, and divers others, and have made choice of new Commanders.

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They have ſent a Letter to the Prince of *Wales*, to invite him aboard; but by reaſon of the weakneſſe of his body, occaſioned by ſudden ſickneſſe, and a dangerous diſeaſe, He cannot anſwer their expectations.

The Lord Admiral hath again offered them Indemnity, and it is conceived they will embrace the ſame, for they have proteſted to his Lordſhip, never to ingage with the Princes Cavalry.

Gowry, From aboard the Fleet 6 Novemb. 1648.

An Abſtract from the King.

SIR,

FOr the better faciliating the work in hand, we hear that his *Majeſty* hath ſent a Meſſage (by the D. of *Lenox*) to the Aldermen and Commnon-councell of the City of *London*, and alſo to divers members of both Houſes, intimating, *That He deſired a longer time to be added to the Treaty, deſiring them to be inſtrumentall for the re-inveſting of his Maieſty, and to agitate for his ſpeedy comming to* London, with other remarkable Occurrences, which He deſires may be cammunicated to his Royall hearted Citizens, and that they may ſeriouſly read and peruſe the ſame. It is conceived his Majeſty hath ſome notable deſign againſt the Army, for He hath vowed to play a new Game, if the Treaty take not effect. But upon the cloſe of this Letter, here arrived a *Poſt* from the Army to Col. *Hamond*, deſiring him to be vigilant for the laſt 14 dayes added to the *Treaty*, and to prevent his *Maieſties* eſcape, there being a deſign laid for the conveying of his perſon away, if

he cannot accompliſh his deſires in the ſaid reſpit of time. Col. *Hamond* is extraordinary vigilant in managing the great truſt repoſed in Him, and hath declared *that he will uſe his utmoſt endeavours for the preſervation of His Majeſties Royall perſon from the hands of his Enemies, and to protect him from the rage and ſubtilty of thoſe who ſeek his Maieſties ruine* [meaning the Royall party now reſident at his Court] *And the Souldiery doe aſſure him, they will live and die with him therein.*

Newport 7 Novemb. 1648.

Letters further from the Iſle of Wight, *Novemb.* 8. advertize, *That his Majeſty having received intelligence of the new modelling & chuſing ſeverall Agents throughout the Army, to act in behalf of their reſpective Regiments, and of the calling a Generall Councell; as alſo, that they were poſſeſt with feares and jealouſies, that his Maieſty had a deſign to eſcape from the Iſle of* Wight, *if the Treaty took not effect: Therefore his Maieſty declared (in preſence of the Commiſſioners) That rather then he would ſtain his honour, or be accounted perjur'd, in breaking of his Royall Word or Promiſe, He would finiſh His whole Race in priſon, and become the moſt deplorable Obiect of all Chriſtian Princes.*

FINIS.